

For MCC, there are a few guiding principles for the Informed Consent:

- Informed Consent statements should be reviewed and approved by the Evaluation Firm and Survey Firm's Institutional Review Board (IRB)
- The IRB should determine to what extent data must be 'strictly confidential' given the type of data collected and risk posed to the respondent. Some data, particularly data that is otherwise publicly accessible, may not require a commitment by MCC to remain 'strictly confidential'.
- The IRB should determine what information should be provided to the respondent regarding anonymized, public use data
- MCC may provide restricted access for additional researchers to non-public use files. This may include data that includes personally identifiable information or other semi-anonymized data that cannot be publicly released due to concerns around respondent confidentiality. Access to this data would require a signed copy of the MCC Restricted Access Certification Form

The following are two Informed Consent templates reviewed by the MCC Disclosure Review Board for Evaluation Firms and Survey Firms to reference as they develop their Informed Consents.

Village Leader Consent

My name is [NAME] and I am working with **Survey Firm**. We are gathering information about **X (insert study specific topics)** in your community in order to improve projects in this and other communities and would like to ask you some questions about yourself and **X**. Our study is funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation, an agency that provides assistance to other countries' development projects, and is being carried out by **Evaluation Firm** and **Survey Firm**. The interview is expected to take **X** minutes. Any information you provide that can identify you will be kept **strictly confidential** by the parties conducting this study, including MCC employees, employees of the survey firm, and researchers¹, to the maximum extent² permitted by the laws of the United States of America and the laws of **Country**. These users³ will use data for statistical purposes⁴ only.

Your participation is voluntary and you may choose not to answer any or all questions for any reason. In other words, you have the alternative to not participate and there will be no consequences for nonparticipation. You may contact **Name**, the director of **Survey Firm**, at **Phone Number**, if you have questions, concerns or complaints about the study or your rights as a participant. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to ask at any time."

¹ The IRB should review this clause and provide clearance or guidance if this cannot be followed.

² If requested by stakeholders or respondents, can the IRB and/or MCA provide information on: (i) what specific laws are being referenced, (ii) how they could influence the interviewee, and (iii) where the interviewee could go for additional information?

³ If this needs to be clarified: MCC employees, employees of the survey firm, and licensed researchers.

⁴ If this needs to be clarified: Statistics provide summaries about the whole sample and about the observations that have been made.

Household Consent

My name is [NAME] and I am working with **Survey Firm**. We are gathering information about **X (insert study specific topics)** in your community in order to improve projects in this and other communities. Our study is funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation, an agency that provides assistance to other countries' development projects, and is being carried out by **Evaluation Firm** and **Survey Firm**. If you agree to participate in this interview, we will talk about your community, your household, and members of your household. The interview is expected to take **X** minutes. Any information you provide that can identify you will be kept **strictly confidential** by the parties conducting this study, including MCC employees, employees of the survey firm, and researchers⁵, to the maximum extent⁶ permitted by the laws of the United States of America and the laws of **Country**. These users⁷ will use data for statistical purposes⁸ only.

Your participation is voluntary and you may choose not to answer any or all questions for any reason. In other words, you have the alternative to not participate and there will be no consequences for nonparticipation. You may contact **Name**, the director of **Survey Firm**, at **Phone Number**, if you have questions, concerns or complaints about the study or your rights as a participant. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to ask at any time.

⁵ The IRB should review this clause and provide clearance or guidance if this cannot be followed.

⁶ If requested by stakeholders or respondents, can the IRB and/or MCA provide information on: (i) what specific laws are being referenced, (ii) how they could influence the interviewee, and (iii) where the interviewee could go for additional information?

⁷ If this needs to be clarified: MCC employees, employees of the survey firm, and researchers leading the evaluation or covered by a Restricted Access Certification Form.

⁸ If this needs to be clarified: Statistics provide summaries about the whole sample and about the observations that have been made.